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Attorney Docket No. 24259

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

SHINITZKY et al.

Examiner: P. Huynh

Serial No.: 09/555,964

Art Unit: 1644

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For: SKIN TEST FOR SCHIZOPHRENIA

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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This is in response to the Official Action dated January 15, 2002. A Notice of Appeal and Petition for three-month extension of time were filed July 11, 2002. Accordingly, a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for Five-Month Extension of Time are submitted herewith extending the period for reply to February 11, 2003.

REMARKS

Claims 6-13 are currently pending in the present application. Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are novel and unobvious over the prior art of record, as discussed with the Examiner during the telephone Interview of January 28, 2003.

1. Rejection of Claims 6-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Official Action states that claims 6-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Shinitzky et al. (WO